

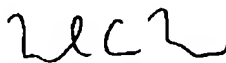
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REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated March 18, 2005 in the present application. In accordance with the "Election/Restrictions" outlined on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, the Applicant is required to elect one of two inventions, as identified by the Examiner, for further prosecution in the present application.

The Applicant hereby elects for prosecution Group I (claims 1-23), drawn to a shifting mechanism (Class 74, subclass 335), as characterized by the Examiner. Accordingly, an action on the merits of claims 1-23 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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